

WEATHER
NORTH CAROLINA — Generally fair through Wednesday. Somewhat warmer west and south portions today. Low temperatures tonight 39-46.

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CONGRESSMAN F. ERTEL CARLYLE of Lumberton, North Carolina, is bidding farewell to Miss Gloria Nichols of Wilmington, who has been a very valuable member of his secretarial staff in Washington since 1950. She has accepted an appointment with the United States Air Force and has been assigned to Ankara, Turkey. Before leaving for Ankara, Miss Nichols will undergo a four-week training course in Washington. (Daily Record Photo by Seth Muse)

Seven Boats Are Wrecked; 100 People Saved In Heroic Rescue

These Little Things

By Hoover Adams

THINGAMAJOB: Arthur (Tib) Turt has the biggest Cadillac in town. It's a seven-passenger job, but Tib says nine people can sit in it in comfort, and without even touching each other. . . . Old Warren met Rubino, the famous violinist, on his recent trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas. . . . They rode together from the hotel in Memphis to the airport. . . . He said Rubino held tightly to the violin and wouldn't let the porter handle it as all. . . . That Strid is insured for \$100,000. . . . Interviewing Rubino in Durham several years ago, we asked him if his violin was really worth that much money. . . . which was a very foolish question, indeed. . . . He glared back and replied, "Do I look like a crook?" . . . James Butler of Falcon, assistant to the president at East Carolina College, reported while here today that EOC is really going to open, making improvements right and left. . . . Colonel William T. Joyce of Raleigh, former State Democratic Chairman and one of (Continued on Page Three)

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Wind-whipped waves which wrecked seven boats turned the gay Gasparilla Festival into tragedy with one teen-aged boy dead, another missing and 100 persons rescued in dramatic fashion.

As a multitude of boats at ending the annual celebration at Tampa, across Tampa Bay from this west coast winter resort, began the trip back Monday, winds up to 45 miles an hour stirred up seven-foot waves which disabled a motor vessel carrying a small skiff with four boys aboard. The occupants of the pleasure ship were towed to safety in rubber rafts.

The youth's craft, a 14-foot motor boat, was capsized on a sand bar by pounding waves and two of the boys, Larry Roberts, 1, and 15, and Chat Atkins, 16, attempted to swim here to bring help for their companions, William Griffin, 15, and Bob Charters, 16.

Young Roberts was dragged out of the chilly waters at Tampa six hours later, exhausted and nearly incoherent. Atkins was still missing today.

A Coast Guard amphibian picked up the two youths who remained with the overturned craft but young Griffin, son of Dr. Martin Griffin, prominent St. Petersburg psychologist, died en route to a hospital. Caruthers was in very serious condition.

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Winston Churchill said today that there may be a big-power conference on Far Eastern problems after the foreign ministers conference in Berlin.

Harnett Slayers Appealing Case

Three young men who drew long prison terms for a Harnett County murder laid appeals before the State Supreme court yesterday.

They were John Spencer, Bobby Spencer and Lucy Murchison all of whom drew 25-30 year terms in Harnett Superior Court for the slaying of Thurman McNeill in a Lillington juke joint on January 8, 1953.

All three men pleaded innocent to the killing of the 21-year-old McNeill, who was shot and stabbed besides a piccolo in Moore's Cafe in a section known as "Shaw Town." McNeill was 21 years old and lived near Eule's Creek.

Witnesses told the Harnett jury and Judge Clawson Williams that the three men converged on McNeill as he stood beside the piccolo. An argument had come a few minutes before as McNeill tried to step between two men who had been wrestling inside the cafe, which was run by McNeill's brother. The place was described by one witness as a "typical piccolo joint."

John Spencer had the gun as they converged upon McNeill, witnesses said. Another of the three had a knife.

Gunman Robs Bank Of \$33,000

DANVILLE, Va. (AP) — A young bandit forced an elderly bank manager today to stuff \$33,000 in bills into a sack and then knocked him unconscious, making a clean getaway while the victim lay on the bank floor.

The robbery occurred at approximately 8:45 a. m. as Robert Davis, 69-year-old manager of the First National Bank, arrived to open the bank for business.

Davis told police that a gunman met him at the office door, forced him to open it and then made him open the vault in the office and help fill a bag with \$33,000 in twenty, ten, five and one-dollar bills.

TRIED TO GRAB GUN
Davis said he attempted to grab the gun from the bandit who struck him on the head, knocking him out.

Davis said he believes he was unconscious for about five minutes. Five stitches had to be taken to close the wound in his head.

Police Capt. O. T. Link said the robbery apparently was well planned in advance. He said that Tuesday, according to bank officials, is the day when the office has the largest amount of money in its vault and the fewest number of employees working.

Reds Send Reinforcements As Germans Demand Free Election

Democrats Give To Help Boost Party Treasury

Twenty Democrats of Dunn contributed \$5 each this week to make it possible to send two delegates to the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner to be held at the Sir Walter Hotel Saturday evening.

Fred Byerly, who was in charge of raising the funds, said today that Al Wullenwaber and Coy Lucas were drawn as the delegates. Names of those contributing are placed in a hat and two names drawn. The drawing was made by E. H. Mahone, Byerly stated. Woodrow Hill assisted Mr. Byerly here.

In the meantime, Lillington had not completed their drawing this morning, it was stated. Duncan Ray, County tax collector, was in charge of raising the funds in Lillington. Bill Johnson is the Harnett County Democratic Party chairman.



A 26-TON ARMY TANK is shown atop one of five autos that it ran over in Downey, Calif., after it rambled out of control. The tank, driven by Warrant Officer Robert B. Duke, was on its way to Pasadena. According to police, Duke lost control of the vehicle when a car suddenly came out of a driveway. He was traveling at about 35 miles an hour when he first struck a light post, then four other cars in succession. The tank finally came to a halt on top of a fifth one. No one was injured in the freak mishap. (International Soundphoto)

Wilson Declares U. S. Planes Won't Be Sent Into Indo-China

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson declared emphatically today that no American pilots will be sent to aid the French in Indochina.

Wilson also told a news conference a military victory over the Communists without direct American intervention is "both possible and probable."

He did say, however, that Lt. Gen. John W. O'Daniel, commander of the U. S. Army forces in the Pacific, "might be sent" to Indochina. Presumably he would head a new military mission. But Wilson was vague in discussing what O'Daniel will do after completing conferences here with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and high civilian officials.

FRANCE ASKED PILOTS
Wilson's statement that no American pilots will be sent to Indochina followed disclosure that France had asked this country for transport pilots to bolster its air communications in the battle with Communist rebels—a move that would have put American airmen closer than ever before to actual combat operations in the Indochina war.

Wilson answered with an emphatic "no" when asked if American pilots would be sent to Indochina.

This followed assurances by Republican leaders in Congress that the administration does not at present intend to send military forces to Indochina.

Davidson Ordained By Erwin Church

Rev. Frank A. Davidson was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian Church at Spantanzburg, S. C. It was Dr. Ward who, while serving a Presbyterian Church as Pastor at Elkins, W. Va., advised the Rev. Mr. Davidson to become a candidate for the ministry while the latter was a student at Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, W. Va.

GAMMON GIVES CHARGE
Rev. C. M. Gibbs of Fayetteville, (Continued On Page Two)

Unrest Among Workers Is Still Growing

BERLIN (AP) Communist police sent reinforcements to East German cities and dispatched special squads to confiscate hundreds of thousands of leaflets demanding unity through free elections, Western anti-Red sources reported today.

Reports from major Soviet Zone industrial areas said the unrest of workers still was growing, with the Communists in some cases turning their headquarters buildings and key factories into strong points to resist possible attacks.

The West Berlin "Free Jurists Investigation Committee" said that alerted Communist police reinforcements were sent to all major cities in the East zone.

Particularly strong units were said to have been sent to Dresden, Chemnitz, Jena and Magdeburg.

Lepzig, Halle, Alterburg, Englesdorf, Brandenburg and Henningsdorf were described as other points where unrest could break into open revolt.

The U. S. High Commission newspaper Neue Zeitung said East German police had tightened controls at all railway terminals, bus stops and highway crossings in a search for the anti-Communist leaflets.

But many thousands of the leaflets explaining the Western foreign ministers plan to unify Germany have been spread throughout the zone, and East Germans were reported demanding acceptance of the proposal in order to gain freedom from Communism.

Umstead Names Special Judge

Raleigh (AP) — Gov. William B. Umstead today named W. A. Leland McKelthan of Pinehurst, former president of the State Bar Assn., to the superior court bench as a special judge.

McKelthan succeeds Judge Francis O. Clarkson who became resident judge of the 14th Judicial District last week when Judge William O. Bobbitt was elevated to the State Supreme Court.

McKelthan will take the oath of office here Thursday.

McKelthan, 42, was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Davidson College and received his law degree from Duke. He is a member of the judicial council of the State Bar Assn.

His appointment completes a full compliment of special superior court judges.

News Shorts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson said today that "come spring" the employment situation in Detroit will be "all right." The Labor Department yesterday declared Detroit an area of "substantial" unemployment, making it eligible for government aid in obtaining government contracts.

DETROIT (AP) — The president of the American Psychiatric Assn. said today there still are some (Continued on Page Three)

Jackson Announces For Constable Here

Lonnie B. Jackson of Dunn, Route 4, who has been prominently identified in law enforcement circles for many years, today announced his candidacy for the office of Constable of Averasboro Township, subject to the May 29th Democratic Primary.

Averasboro, which includes Dunn, is the county's largest township.

Mr. Jackson announced today that he was throwing his hat into the ring and said he would pay his filing fee within the next few days.

He is seeking the post now held by Constable Oscar Pearce. Mr. Pearce is reported to be interested in running for the office of Sheriff, but has not yet made an announcement.

Mr. Jackson is a former Dunn police chief and also a former deputy sheriff and constable.

In announcing today, Mr. Jackson said: "I have had the honor of serving the township and the county previously and I feel that the citizens already know of the type of law enforcement I stand for and the kind of service which I would render."

Mr. Jackson served as Dunn's (Continued On Page Three)

Conner Will Head ECC Alumni Group

East Carolina College alumni residing in Harnett county Monday evening elected chapter officers, naming Carl G. Conner, news editor of The Daily Record, of Dunn, as president.

Dunn Featured In Two Articles

City Manager A. B. Uzile stated today that Dunn was featured in two magazines published this month. One of the articles presented figures on the progress of the town since World War II.

The American City, a magazine circulated for city officials, contained a graph showing such things as income from property tax, yearly budget growth, consumer price index, and the tax rate per \$100 valuation. The 347 page publication contains a number of features relative to progress being made in cities throughout the U. S.

Another brief note was published in Popular Government, a publication put out by the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill. This note described the progress made on a new tax map recently drawn for the town.



CARL G. CONNER

Thomas Will Head Erwin Church Men

The men of St. Stephen's Church at their monthly supper meeting in St. Stephen's Parish House, Erwin, last night, elected new officers for 1954.

B. G. (Ty) Thomas was elected President; J. Kenneth Bruton, Vice President; Ray D. Caldwell, Treasurer, and Joseph Johnson, Secretary. Ray D. Caldwell, retiring president, presided at the meeting.

OTHER OFFICERS
At the vestry meeting following Henry Tyler was appointed Senior Warden for the year and E. H. Ross was appointed Junior Warden.

At this same meeting Fred Thomas, Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, was asked to collect specific data as to the cost of new pews for the Church. Zack E. Matzgers, a vestryman and also Sunday School Superintendent, was asked to secure estimates on the cost of a new Choir (Continued on Page Eight)

BULLETINS

NUERNBERG, Germany (AP) — One of two Czech airmen who crash-landed a training plane in West Germany Friday has decided to remain here as a political refugee, it was announced today. An official announcement said Cpl. Jeri Sorm, 22, has asked U. S. occupation authorities for political asylum and that the request has been granted. A spokesman for the U. S. High Commission said the other man in the plane, a 26-year-old colonel who was not identified by name, "evidently wants to return to Czechoslovakia."

TALKEETNA, Alaska (AP) — Ground crews battled waist-deep snow and an Alaskan blizzard today as they searched for seven men missing in an Air Force C47 crash near Mt. McKinley. Six survivors of the explosion which ripped apart the big plane last Friday were recuperating at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Anchorage, Alaska, and the bodies of three victims had been recovered. Seven of (Continued on page two)

+ Record Roundup +

FIRE — The Dunn Fire Department was called to the home of Alex McBryde at 405 E. Granville street this morning at 11:35 to extinguish a fire in the kitchen. No one was home at the time the fire began and the cause was unknown, according to Howard W. Lee, secretary-treasurer of the Department. The fire was centered around the kitchen wall and roof, and was easily extinguished. The home is owned by C. J. Hanna and Son. Twenty-one men were out for the alarm. (Continued on Page Three)